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TOPIC Soviet Troops Leaving WERDER Troop Training Grounds

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SOURCE 22 and 23 October 1949

1. Troops and trucks, coming from the WERDER (N 53/E 79) troop training grounds, were entrained in FORST ZIEN (N 53/E 69) and at the Gruena loading ramp, allegedly to be shipped to WITTEMBERG (N 52/E 37) - ZERBST (N 52/D 98) and ZAHNA (N 52/E 48). No tanks were observed.
2. Some of the troops who had been at the WERDER troop training grounds were allegedly on maneuvers at the Elbe River at the time of observation.

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3. An engineer unit arrived in WERDER and did surveying work during the subsequent days. It was said that new camp roads were to be constructed and the camp to be enlarged to double its size.

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Truck belonging to the engineer unit, was repeatedly seen in front of offices of JUTTENBOG construction firms.

The rear detail in the camp numbered about 60 troops.

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Comment:

The report is a valuable confirmation of information and assumptions by other sources:

a. Component units of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) held maneuvers at the WERDER-WARRENDORF troop training grounds up to about 23 October 1949.

b. Large-scale maneuvers with units of the 6th and 8th Gds Tank Divs (Cadre) and units of the other divisions of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) were conducted from about the beginning up to the middle of October 1949. +

c. Some of the maneuver troops, mostly component units of the 6th and 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre), moved to the Elbe River about

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13 October 1949, where (at HUENHLAGA) river-crossing practices were held on 21 and 22 October 1949 ++.

d. With the exception of rear details, all manau vor troops left the WERNER area by 24 October 1949, some returning to their military posts and some going to the WEISSWASSER area for special exercises +++.

e. Para 3 verifies the previous assumption that the quartering facilities at the troop training grounds were to be improved/enlarged during the winter months.

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